



# Indiana Department of Education

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## **Minutes of September 25, 2007**

The Professional Standards Advisory Board met at the Department of Education, Riley Room, 151 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

### **DISCUSSION SESSION**

Board members present included Albertine Dent, John Hill, Russell Hodgkin, Mike Horvath, Gertrude Howard, Michael Jones, David Kinman, Elise Matthews, Kathy Parks, and Suellen Reed. Nancy Kuyoth, Mike Lewis, Marilyn Metzler, and Roy Weaver were unable to attend.

Staff members present included Terri Banks, Becky Bridges, Ray Graves, Katie Martin, Mary Glenn Rinne, Shawn Sriver, and Debby Williams.

#### **I. Call to Order**

It was established at the beginning of the meeting that Dr. John Hill would act as temporary Chair for the September meeting.

Dr. John Hill called the discussion session of the Professional Standards Advisory Board to order at 10:21 a.m.

#### **II. Emergency Permit and Licensure Report – Ray Graves, Assistant Director of Licensing**

Dr. Graves discussed the Licensing Report for the 2006-2007 school year noting that the report was expanded this year to include the number of substitute certificates, transition to teaching permits, and regular teaching licenses issued.

Dr. Graves noted that there were 1,857 emergency permits issued last year. This is the lowest number of permits that the division has issued in the last seven years by approximately 176. He also noted that the main reductions were in the subject area of mild and intense intervention. He feels this is due to more initial practitioner licenses being issued in these areas than in the past.

The Professional Standards division has issued 36,735 licenses and permits overall and has a daily average production of 149 licenses issued.

### **III. Testing Report – Debby Williams, Assistant Director of Assessment, Induction and Continuing Education**

Ms. Williams explained the Teacher Testing Report consisting of test results for 2005-2006 for Praxis I and Praxis II Specialty Area tests. The results are organized by ethnicity and first time examinees.

The Praxis II test scores showed evidence that higher education is doing their job in addressing the needs of those in the specialty areas due to higher scores.

### **IV. Recommendation from Testing Waiver Work Group – Kathy Parks, Chair**

Ms. Parks thanked Dr. Reed and Mr. Sriver for the confidence in allowing her to chair the Testing Waiver Work Group.

Ms. Parks explained the main focus of the work group was to determine if a waiver should be granted for potential teachers who do not qualify for a disability waiver under current regulations and to determine if Praxis I was the appropriate test for licensure.

The consensus of the committee was the Praxis I test is better suited as a test for entrance into a teacher education program. The appropriate exam for licensure should test for pedagogy and not for basic skills.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) currently has an exam, Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) that tests for pedagogy and would be more appropriate for the licensure exam. The recommendation was to invite a representative from ETS to the December advisory board meeting to further discuss the PLT test.

A short-term plan to implement a process for a waiver for students without a disability for Praxis I was also recommended. This plan would discontinue once a new test is in place.

Mr. Sriver explained to the Board that consensus was needed to continue the discussion of a replacement for Praxis I and that during the Business Session, members will need to approve the posting of a Notice of Intent for the rule that would allow testing waivers for applicants without a disability.

Ms. Parks addressed questions from the Board.

## **V. Amendments to 515 IAC 9-1-31, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Heimlich Maneuver Certification – Shawn Sriver, Director, Division of Professional Standards**

Mr. Sriver stated that he had introduced a recommendation at the June meeting that would allow school districts and higher education institutions to implement their own CPR-Heimlich Maneuver training programs providing they used American Red Cross or American Heart Association trainers and curricula.

During the Business Session, Mr. Sriver will introduce a proposal for an amendment to the recommendation introduced in June to expand the number of organizations that can provide CPR-Heimlich Maneuver training programs. Mr. Sriver also indicated that the recommendation includes the ability for school districts or higher education institutions to use curricula and trainers from the organizations in the expanded list.

## **VI. Public Comments**

Patricia Swails, President, Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) – Ms. Swails agreed that teachers should be tested on content and pedagogy skills. There is an issue with the Praxis I test which would cause increased financial burden to the student if required for admission to school.

Assessment system to measure teacher quality is now part of the Unit Assessment System (UAS) process and offers a holistic, reliable, and valid measure of candidate performance. Use of this along with Praxis II and any other specialty tests in addition to a PLT test would give a holistic picture of what candidates can do.

Gwen Kelley, retired IPS educator - Ms. Kelley is working on different committees concerned with minority education. She commended Dr. Reed and Dr. Rinne for attending one of the meetings of her organization.

Ms. Kelley indicated her concern about the graduation rate for all students in the state. Her committee called a meeting on July 31 and invited several ethnic organizations to attend.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Dr. John Hill adjourned the discussion session at 11:02 a.m.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

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Staff members present included Terri Banks, Becky Bridges, Ray Graves, Katie Martin, Mary Glenn Rinne, Shawn Sriver, and Debby Williams.

### **I. Call to Order**

Dr. Hill called the business meeting of the Professional Standards Advisory Board to order at 11:03 a.m.

### **II. Approval of Agenda – Action**

Ms. Dent called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **III. Approval of Minutes – Action**

Mr. Jones moved and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion to approve the September 25, 2007, board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Comments**

#### **A. State Superintendent of Public Instruction –**

Dr. Reed stated there has been discussion regarding the mentor program and that one option may be to focus more on a mentor-coaching model. Funding for mentor stipends is not presently available and the language that allowed the division to pay a stipend with available funds expired on June 30, 2007. The General Assembly will be meeting in early 2008 and advisory board members were encouraged to talk with their legislator regarding mentor stipends.

#### **B. Chair**

Dr. Hill did not have any comments.

### C. Division Director

Mr. Sriver reminded the Board of the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 in the Riley Room.

Mr. Sriver notified the Board there has been a state-wide change in processing vouchers and payment for this meeting may be delayed.

## V. **Division Business**

### A. New On-Line Program Approval – University of Phoenix – Action

Dr. Mary Glenn Rinne introduced Steven Balke, Conna Bral, and Anne Gillespie from University of Phoenix to the Board. Dr. Rinne explained the steps enabling a new school to obtain a licensure program. She indicated that students who completed this new program from the University of Phoenix would need to be Indiana residents. Students who completed a program from the University of Phoenix who lived outside the state may still be eligible, but would be required to go through the evaluation process for out-of-state candidates. Dr. Rinne also clarified that the University of Phoenix would need to establish a licensing advisor and follow the process other Indiana institutions follow when recommending students for licensure. The recommendation to the Board is to approve an initial level teacher preparation program for Generalist: Early & Middle Childhood at the baccalaureate level and the Master of Arts in Education in elementary and secondary education.

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### B. New Program Approval (Generalist: Early Adolescence) –Butler University - Action

Recommendation to the Board is for approval of the reconfiguration of Generalist: Early Adolescence program.

Dr. Kinman called for a motion to approve and Dr. Hodgkin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### C. Recommendation of Notice of Intent for Amended 515 IAC 1-4-1, Testing Appeals Process - Action

Recommendation to the Board to post the Notice of Intent for the rule that would allow students without disabilities to appeal for test waiver. A student without a disability will not be eligible for the waiver until the rule is promulgated.

Ms. Parks called for a motion to approve and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Recommendation of Notice of Intent for Amended 515 IAC 9-1-31, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Heimlich Maneuver Certification - Action**

Recommendation to the Board to expand the list of acceptable organizations providing training for CPR and Heimlich Maneuver Certification.

Mr. Jones called for a motion to approve and Ms. Dent seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Other**

No new business was presented

**VII. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**VIII. Approval of Expenses – Action**

Dr. Hodgkin moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion to approve the expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Adjournment – Action**

The business meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

**List of Attendees**

The following attended the discussion session and/or business meeting:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Patricia Swails	IACTE
Mary Jo Germani	ISHA
Mark Shoup	Indiana State Teachers Association
T. J. Oakes	Purdue University – West Lafayette
Steven Balke	University of Phoenix
Conna Bral	University of Phoenix
Anne Gillespie	University of Phoenix